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## ETFO members protest board actions

A small gathering of Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario members gathered outside the Trillium Lakelands District School Board office in Minden for a protest on Tuesday, Feb. 26. ETFO protests were also held in Lindsay and Bracebridge at the same time. See story on page 8.

Darren Lum  
Staff

# Log chute to become heritage site – again

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Hawk Lake Log Chute is being designated as a heritage site.

Again.

While in 1999 the council of the day passed a motion for the designation, the previous administration did not complete the process, as Algonquin Highlands councillors recently learned.

"What didn't happen was the public posting," said Reeve Carol Moffatt at a Feb. 21 council meeting. "When I found out I was a little more than surprised."

Before entering politics, Moffatt led the charge on the log chute rehabilitation project.

As clerk Dawn Newhook explained, the township will be posting a public notice of its intent to designate the site as well information on its cultural value.

If there's no opposition within 30 days, council

can pass the bylaw and the heritage designation will be registered on title.

The log chute at Big Hawk lake was first built in 1861 and reconstructed in 1947. It was rebuilt again in 2005, using the blueprints from the 1947 reconstruction.

While log chutes were ubiquitous throughout Ontario during the logging boom of the late 19th century, the Hawk Lake Log Chute is the only remaining chute in the province.

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Chad Ingram Staff

Peter Meraw, left, and Richard Smith, owners of Minden Pharmasave, along with their staff won the Innovation and Creativity Award at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce gala on Feb. 23 for the 2012 expansion of their business. The renovation nearly doubled the floor space, absorbing a building next door, and brings an indoor mall feel to the store.

# Chamber hands out hardware at gala

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

It may not have been an Oscar, but Barb Bolin was feeling golden when she was named Highlander of the Year on Feb. 23.

The award was presented to Bolin at the seventh annual Business and Community Achievement Awards hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the Haliburton Legion.

The former principal of Fleming College Haliburton School of the Arts and active community member, Bolin was recognized for her artistic vision for the college and heart for volunteering.

"We can't think of anyone more deserving," said master of ceremonies Mike Jaycock.

Bolin credited the organizations she has been a part of and the people she's met in Haliburton County for making her life "so much fuller."

"Thank you very much for this," she said.

Apart from Fleming College, Bolin has been involved in the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, among other groups.

Other nominees included Hilary Elia, John Teljeur, Peter Brady, Katie Hammerschmidt and Jerry Walker.

Teljeur was last year's recipient of the award.

The Warden's Award of the Year was presented by Carol Moffatt to the Haliburton and Minden health care auxiliaries.

Touting them as the "unsung heroes of the county," the auxiliaries were honoured for their tremendous dedication to the health of the Highlands.

"I wanted to give the award to people who are quietly working away in the background," said Moffatt.

Through raffles, bake sales, silent auctions, tag days and gift shops, both organizations have contributed to health-care services.

"The Haliburton hospital auxiliary was founded in 1971 and its first purchase was a hair dryer. Times change though and their most recent campaign bought a vital signs machine. That shows you how far they've come," said Moffatt.

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary was founded in 2000 and has since raised more than \$300,000 for departments such as physiotherapy, acute care, emergency and long-term care.

Minden auxiliary president Judith McNeillage and former president of the Haliburton auxiliary Joan Stinson accepted the awards.

"We're volunteers, we don't get a paycheque but we love doing what we're doing and it just gives retirement a whole new meaning," said McNeillage.

The award is selected by the warden to be presented to those who have made a significant contribution to the Highlands and is not a nominated award.

This year's winner of the Business Achievement Award was Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy.

Katie Hammerschmidt credited her "excellent team" for her businesses success.

The Customer First Award and Entrepreneur of the Year were both awarded to WAI Products Ltd., with owner Brandi Hewson accepting.

The Tourism and Hospitality Award was presented to Kosy Korner, where 85,000 eggs are served every year as well as 110,000 meals.

Owner Allan Gordon said a team effort is what makes the Kosy Korner what it is.

"I'm honoured to be part of the team," he said.

The Innovation and Creativity Award went to Minden Pharmasave.

The Not-for-Profit of the Year Award was presented to SIRCH Community Services.

Executive director Gena Robertson thanked the staff and more than 100 volunteers who make SIRCH work.

"For a county as small as ours we have amazing services," she said.

The New Business of the Year was Haliburton RPM while the Skilled Trades and Industry Award went to Chaulk Woodworking, the sole nominee in the category.





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# Slide, ride and glide!

Photos by Angelica Blenich



Seven-year-old Megan Petitpas from Peterborough gets a thrill on the hill while tobogganing.



Kelly Lin, left, and Brenda Simpson, centre, are totally in awe of the bubble that five-year-old Beverly Harrison, right, blew during the bubble gum contest at the annual Kinmount Winterfest on Feb. 24. Harrison took first place in the contest.



A scenic winter backdrop lent itself to enjoyable sleigh rides at the annual Kinmount Winterfest on Feb. 24. The day long event included organized toboggan races, featuring homemade sleds, skating, children's activities and a wildlife caller.



Six-year-old Julianna Austin, front, of Kinmount proves you don't need a sled to have fun sliding down a hill.



# Council looks at increasing police

➤ Minden Hills concerned fireworks bylaw would need enforcement

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

In an effort to reduce the noise caused by fireworks, Minden Hills councillors are looking at increasing police presence within the township.

At a Feb. 14 meeting, councillors received information about ways to reduce noise-related issues from Sergeant Liane Spong and Staff Sergeant Chad Bark of the OPP.

Discussion over including fireworks in the municipality's noise bylaw has come up in previous months, in addition to creating a bylaw specific to preventing fireworks.

"I understand you are considering a fireworks bylaw

for the municipality of Minden Hills and how that would play out with the OPP as far as enforcement," said Spong.

There are ways to help prevent unwanted fireworks in the area by either entering into a contract of services with the OPP or using enhanced services, said Spong.

While police officers currently respond to bylaw complaints it's not typically their role, which is usually handed over to the municipality.

"We don't act as the primary," said Spong.

Enhanced policing uses off duty officers who will work extra shifts, said Spong.

The city of Orillia is an example of an area that used enhanced OPP services to enforce a specific taxi bylaw, said Spong.

With experience working in the Haliburton Highlands, Spong said she knows firsthand the difficulty of trying to enforce noise issues, specifically fireworks.

"There are a lot of difficulties associated to that response, just from my field experience," she said.

For the past two years Minden Hills has set aside \$2,500 for additional foot patrol on the long weekends in

the summer, said Reeve Barb Reid.

"So council is familiar with the need," she said.

By entering into a contract of services the OPP would be providing more services across the board and not pin-pointing specific bylaws, said Bark.

"It's different from your enhanced policing, which is a paid duty arrangement, where officers come in on their off time," said Bark. "If you're talking about an actual contract, it would be a contract with the OPP in its entirety."

"So you can't cherry pick one bylaw," said Reeve Barb Reid.

"Exactly," said Bark.

With the noise issues typically being a problem on the long weekends of the summer, Councillor Ken Redpath asked if the township could arrange for the contract of services to target those specific times.

That is not an option, as entering into a contract with the OPP is a five-year commitment and includes a certain number of hours for the duration of the year, said Spong.

"You can look at scheduling options but it is a five-year commitment," said Spong.

## Algonquin Highlands hires new fire training officer

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands has hired a new fire training officer.

Peter Frank of Beaverton was scheduled to start with the township this week.

At a Feb. 21 council meeting, chief administrative officer Angie Bird said Frank was the top candidate of those who had submitted applications for the position.

Frank will be renting a residence in the area, but intends on moving eventually, Bird said.

Frank replaces former training officer Ryan Reesor, who recently moved out of the county.



### Legends arrive

Ken Whitely, with Amoy and Ciceal Levy, Ben and Jesse Whitely (not shown) wowed a full house with a dynamic show at the Dominion Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 16. The event was part of the Canadian Blues Legends series./Submitted by George Farrell



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## Haliburton County news

# County denied funding for aging bridge

Was looking for \$1.7 million from province for Head Lake bridge

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County has been denied provincial funding for repairs to the Head Lake bridge in Haliburton village.

Councillors received a rejection letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs at their Feb. 20 meeting.

"The province has reviewed the EOI [expression of interest] and we regret to inform you that the County of Haliburton is not eligible to move forward in the applica-

tion phase of the MIII (Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative) program," read the letter from rural program branch manager Kristen Green.

The county applied for 90 per cent funding of the \$1.9 million project, or \$1,710,000.

Phase 2 of the ministry's municipal infrastructure funding made \$51 million available. Treasurer Laura Janke told councillors the ministry had not specified why the application was denied and was going to continue to contact officials there.

She'd been told it might take a couple of weeks for an answer.

"I find that peculiar," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen of the ministry's lack of explanation.

Dysart et al and Highlands East townships were successful in moving forward in the program while the county and its other lower tiers were denied.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid asked Dysart et al Reeve

Murray Fearrey and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton why they thought their townships had been successful.

"We were shovel-ready," Fearrey said, adding that engineering work had been completed.

The Head Lake bridge, located on County Road 21 near Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, was built in 1963.

The bridge is concrete and supported by steel piles.

"The major deficiencies of the structure include undermined footings, cracked pier cap, substandard sidewalk, substandard handrail, severely rusted deck drains, leaking and worn expansion joints and an approach slab that has settled which directs water towards the structure," read a report from Janke.

The county has applied unsuccessfully for funding for the bridge in the past.

It has been identified as a project that needs to be completed within five years in bridge needs studies dating back six years.

## Signs coming to Rail Trail this spring

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The county will be erecting a series of signs along the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

County roads director Doug Ray gave councillors an update on trail work at a Feb. 20 council meeting.

Four no trespassing signs will be put up in areas where trespassing has been a problem and 22 speed limit signs – one facing in each direction at the 11 municipal access points along the trail – will also be erected.

Information signage, which Ray described as billboard-type signage welcoming people to the trail and explaining regulations, is to be constructed at the County Road 1 parking area, Richie Falls Road and the county's boundary with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"We'll bring some of those designs to the next meet-

ing," Ray told councillors.

Safety zones have been identified at a high-traffic quarry, Donald, the Gelert cemetery and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Signs denoting these areas will be put up, as well as bollards restricting ATV use near the high school.

"It's nice to see the progress coming from the working group," said County Warden Carol Moffatt, referring to the public input process on the Rail Trail that took place through 2011/12.

Ray said a signage policy for the trail would also be coming to council.

The signs are expected to be erected in May.

At Wednesday's meeting, council also approved agreements with the Haliburton ATV Association and Kawartha ATV Association for use of the corridor for 2013.

ATVs are permitted on the trail from May 1 to Nov. 30.



**It's nice to see the progress coming from the working group.**

— Warden Carol Moffatt

The county has budgeted some \$64,000 for work on the trail this year, about twice as much as usual.

HATVA has also made a donation of \$5,000 worth of granular material.

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### our editorial

## Some 'splaining to do

**A**T A COUNTY COUNCIL meeting last week, councillors received a disappointing letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, stating the county is not eligible for funding for work on the Head Lake bridge under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative.

The county was looking for 90 per cent – or \$1.7 million – of the \$1.9 million needed to repair the aging piece of infrastructure.

The bridge was constructed in 1963.

You know, a year before the Beatles came to North America.

But the ministry says the county is not eligible and that's fine.

What's not fine is that the ministry has been unable to explain why the county has been excluded.

The letter contained no specifics as to the reason for the denial.

"The province has reviewed the EOI [expression of interest] submitted and we regret to inform you that the County of Haliburton is not eligible to move forward to the application phase of the MIII program," the letter read.

It provided a phone number and email should the county have any questions.

The county did have questions and when its treasurer contacted the ministry to ask why the county had been

rejected, she was told that answer might take a couple of weeks.

And that is completely unacceptable.

Not unlike the way high school math students must show their work, demonstrating how they came up with the answer to an equation, the ministry should be able to demonstrate its reasoning if asked for clarification on a decision.

The fact this information doesn't seem to be readily available is not just another example of the inefficient, glacial pace of provincial bureaucracy, it also calls into question

the decision-making process taking place within the ministry.

Hopefully it doesn't involve any dart boards, blindfolds or Wheel-of-Fortune-type contraptions.

The silence makes it seem like accountability is less than a priority for the ministry.

Imagine if things worked the opposite way.

The OPP pull a man over for speeding.

"Is there any reason why you were driving so fast?" the cop asks.

"Gee, I don't know officer. Let me get back to you in a couple of weeks."

The county deserves an explanation from the province.

It deserved one when it asked.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



### letters to the editor

## P4P bowled over by generosity

### To the Editor,

Places for People held their annual Bowl-a-thon at the The Fast Lane in Minden on Saturday, Jan. 26. Nearly 40 people came out and helped to raise more than \$2,400. Not only was this a wonderful achievement for Places for People, but it also helped Val Lennox of The Fast Lane to meet the \$100,000 mark for monies raised as a result of fundraising events organized and held at her establishment. Places for People is a not-for-profit housing organization that buys and renovates buildings in order to provide secure, affordable rental units for Haliburton County residents.

The Bowl-a-thon is one of the charity's main fundraisers as they rely on it to help provide a roof over the heads of deserving families.

Last spring the organization completed a second project in Carnarvon and set a fundraising goal of \$55,000.

They are now more than halfway to meeting their target. The Places for People board of directors would like to once again thank all of the volunteers and donors who so generously assisted them in raising the funds.

They would also like to thank Val for all of her work in helping to organize the event and for assisting the organization for another year.

To learn more about Places for People, or to make a donation, you can visit their website at [www.placesforpeople.ca](http://www.placesforpeople.ca).

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# points of view

## Cooling off the Internet in Iceland

**T**HE LAWMAKERS IN Iceland have recently brought forth a proposal to ban pornography on the Internet in that country.

And while I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiment, especially since I don't believe I'll travel to Iceland any time soon, I worry about where this line of reasoning might take us.

This is not as simple as it sounds.

First off, let me just clarify that pornography is not what I visit the Internet for. It is boring, overly complicated, addictive and it sets highly unrealistic expectations for us mere mortals.

Instead, I visit fly fishing websites where guys catch unbelievably big fish on every cast using nothing but tiny, size 22 midge patterns on light tippets in fast water.

At least I stand a chance of doing

that.

Opponents argue that this proposed ban is the thin edge of the wedge;

they say it could eventually lead to restrictions on our right to free speech and expression. More to the point, they feel that in this wired world it is also impossible to carry out.

Both of these arguments have some merit.

But I also believe there's more to it than that. What I think the Icelandic government has failed to consider is the embarrassing backlash that will accompany this sort of ban.

I mean, if they find a practical way to carry this out, you might as well put a scarlet letter on each and every

porn fan. They will be the people who suddenly have seven and a half extra hours in their work day.

Should this happen, Iceland will return to the days of my youth, where you actually had to be creative to waste a work day. Believe me; this takes a lot of effort. If memory serves me correctly, it is actually less tiring to do the work.

In any case, if all this comes to pass, I predict a new world order in which Iceland suddenly becomes the most pro-

ductive country on the face of the earth.

That's why I'm about to call my investment broker and suggest that we watch this story develop. If Iceland

does manage to ban Internet porn, I want to move all my investments into Icelandic wool futures and herring stocks or to the airline that provides the cheapest flights out of Iceland.

In any case, this is an interesting development that illustrates a growing trend to rein in the Internet and its widespread abuses on human dignity.

After all, too much of the Internet is now being controlled by people whose only purpose is to exploit human weaknesses, degrade the human spirit and cause us to feel inadequate about our own meager talents and abilities.

But enough about those fly fishing web sites I visit. I wonder what they'll do about the porn?

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**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## Toeing the party line

**I**F THE TIME has come to discard the Senate, why not declare the House of Commons superfluous while we're at it?

Who cares about Parliament, you may ask, and move on to some other column, which proves my point exactly. The Commons has too little to do with anything useful to be even worth discussing.

There is much to be said for our form of government, but a succession of controlling party leaders has turned the Commons into a mere appendix waiting to be surgically removed from the body politic.

To steal a phrase from an old colleague of mine, the House has become a sham of a mockery of a sham. Members of Parliament are puppets, dancing on their leaders' strings.

Research by the democratic advocacy group Samara Canada and reported in The Globe and Mail earlier this month found that barely half of Canadians are satisfied with the way our democracy works.

Over the past decade, our democracy's approval rating dropped 20 points to 55 per cent. Some follow-up research by the Globe on votes taken since June 2, 2011, justifies our disapproval.

Though they were elected to represent the interests of their constituents, most

Members of Parliament voted the party line every time, including Barry Devolin, who represents the governing Conservatives in our riding.

You might think that at least on at least one of the 410 occasions our MP voted on motions and bills his constituents' interests were at odds with his party's but Devolin marched along in perfect step.

Ideologically, Devolin may be well to the right of the New Democratic Party, but he's right in tune with the least democratic of our three major parties. Like Devolin, the NDP has been perfectly unanimous on every vote since Thomas Mulcair took over as leader.

(To be fair, the Green Party also has been unanimous on every issue, but there's not much room for dissent in a caucus of one.)

In theory, these were almost all "free" votes on which MPs were allowed to vote with their consciences. A good many of them were on private members' bills introduced by opposition MPs.

Mulcair's cadre was unanimous even on private members' bills. The Conservatives had a dissenter on almost a

quarter of those private bills, which puts Prime Minister Stephen Harper's reputation as a control freak in some perspective.

Now none of this may bother you if you put party loyalty above all else, if you see Devolin as Ottawa's representative in Haliburton-Kawartha-Brock, rather than as our representative in Ottawa.

Out here on Sapsucker Ridge, I have no insiders' information on how the Commons actually works, and I depend on The Brown

Dog Jiggs to interpret what I read.

What I read is that most important policy positions germinate in the office of the Prime Minister, or the party leader, and open discussion by MPs of public issues is either discouraged or forbidden.

Question period, the voters' window on Parliament, is as closely-scripted as a network sit-com but with less substance. The party decides who ask what questions and how to answer them.

If a back-bencher has an original thought, he must keep it behind the closed doors of a party caucus meeting, lest it inflame the electorate.



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

Even the cabinet is muzzled. With a couple of exceptions, it is the minister's official spokesman, not the minister, who meets the press. For all I know, the spokesman takes directions from the Prime Minister's Office, not the minister.

At election time, it is the national party, not the local riding, that has final say on candidates. A leader may punish a troublesome MP by denying him the nomination at the next election.

Thirst for power corrupts the ideals of the Parliamentary system, which began with each community sending a delegate to the capital to represent its interests in an assembly of equals who selected their country's leader.

Factionalism bred parties and now government is in the hands of what amount to three corporations competing for market share. Party leaders are CEOs, selected not by their caucus of elected representatives, but by the minority of Canadians who are party members.

The new leader may even be an outside hire, a Brian Mulroney. The Commons becomes a factory processing legislation, MPs operating an assembly line that spews out words while the machinery works silently behind them.

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# Kids have chance to design Pan Am mascot

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Children across the country have a chance to take part in the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games by designing the event's mascot.

The mascot challenge runs until March 8 and is open to kids aged six to 17.

"The winning mascot will be a big personality both leading up to and during the games," the contest website reads. "It will welcome visitors and spectators, visit

schools and community events and appear on signs, merchandise and more."

Mascots are to be created in groups of two to six.

In April, the top six designs will be rendered by a professional illustrator and the members and parents of the winning design group will have the chance to meet the mascot once it comes to fruition.

For entry forms, visit [www.toronto2015mascot.ca](http://www.toronto2015mascot.ca).

The 2015 games are taking place in Toronto, with the whitewater events taking place at the Minden Wild Water Preserve on the Gull River.

# Minden Times up for general excellence award

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association has once again nominated the *Minden Times* for general excellence in its circulation class. General excellence recognizes overall achievement in editorial content, advertising and layout.

The *Times* is nominated along with the *Gravenhurst Banner* and the *Valley Gazette* out of Barry's Bay.

Whether the paper places first, second or third in the category will be announced at an awards ceremony in Vaughan on March 22. The *Times* has consistently won awards in the category since 2008.

The *Times's* sister paper, the *Haliburton Echo*, was nominated for best feature photo.

# Local teachers protest board action

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario were staging protests in Minden, Lindsay and Bracebridge on the evening of Feb. 26.

Unlike previous protests, these ones were not about Bill 115 – the controversial legislation that as of the New Year suspended teachers' right to strike – but over the fact the Trillium Lakelands District School Board has taken ETFO to the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

"Our board has taken a very heavy-handed approach," said Steve Colliver, local ETFO president.

The labour relations board quashed one-day strikes planned throughout the province for Jan. 11, calling them unlawful.

Subsequently the TLDSB took ETFO to the labour relations board for what it said was counselling illegal strikes.

The Upper Canada District School Board was the only other board in the province to take this action.

The last day of the eight-day hearing was Feb. 12 and the labour relations board has yet to issue a decision.

ETFO has been encouraging its members to refrain from hosting extracurricular activities and field trips as well as practise limited involvement in meetings and professional development activities.

The protest was scheduled for Tuesday night to coin-

cide with a TLDSB meeting in Lindsay.

The board's satellite offices are in Minden and Bracebridge and union members were heading to those locations as well.

While the board has said the union is putting pressure on teachers, Colliver said it's the board that's been bullying his members with correspondences it has issued.

Colliver said he'd prepared a document including letters from members who feel TLDSB is acting heavy-handedly that he intended to give to the board.

"I'm hoping they'll actually take notice of that," he said.

Some out-of-town union members were also expected to make their way to Lindsay Tuesday night.

"You're not just going after local members . . . you're going after ETFO," Colliver said.

Members from school boards in the GTA and Durham Region were supposed to be joining in the demonstration.

Colliver also felt the board was targeting elementary teachers, noting that until this week, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation members had also been discouraged from participating in extra-curricular activities.

"We have not received an formal notification about these protests," board chairwoman Karen Round told the paper, but said board members had heard about the plans.

Round said the issue is not the lack of extra-curricular activities, which the board recognizes are voluntary for teachers, but about taking part in meetings, professional development and the proper filling out of report cards, which the board says are part of the job description.

"We do believe the application was very strong," she said of the school board's submission to the labour relations board.

No timeline on a decision has been given.



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Contractor meeting

Haliburton County builders meet to discuss common challenges in the industry.

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# Builders want more consistent regulations

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

More efficient communication and more consistent regulations amongst Haliburton County's townships are a couple of ways builders think the local construction environment could improve.

The county took the proverbial temperature of the local construction industry with a meeting at the Dysart Community Centre on Feb. 22.

"This is all very much your meeting," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, as she addressed some 50 contractors, tradespeople and business owners. "We have no expectation that we're going to be coming out of this with a list of things to do or how we're going to solve the problems."

Rather, Reid said, the intent of the meeting was to establish themes the group might want to follow up on and perhaps identify a few industry volunteers who could help the county with projects moving forward.

Put on in conjunction with the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, the meeting was facilitated by Malcolm MacLean, who got attendees to brainstorm ideas in groups.

Strengths of the local industry were iden-

tified as a pool of varied skilled workers, knowledge of the area and internal networking and support.

"We rely on each other in our little community," said Gary Burtch of G.J. Burtch Construction, emphasizing the purchase of local supplies and the use of local labour. However, Burtch noted one challenge is the ongoing loss of work to outside companies who can complete projects for less.

Some consumers, he said, would always go for the cheapest contractor regardless of where that contractor is from.

Each township having different building and zoning regulations was identified as a major weakness, as was a lack of communication between some members of the industry and poor self-promotion out of the area.

It was suggested more operators should become members of the home builders' association.

A failure to return the phone calls of potential clients was also identified as a major shortcoming.

"That's an internal problem that maybe you can do something about as a group or as individuals," MacLean said.

Other challenges identified by attendees included a lack of focus on skilled trades within the education system, a shortage of skilled labour during the busy season and



**Chad Ingram Staff**

Members of the county's construction industry discussed barriers during a meeting facilitated by the county at the Haliburton Community Centre on Feb. 22.

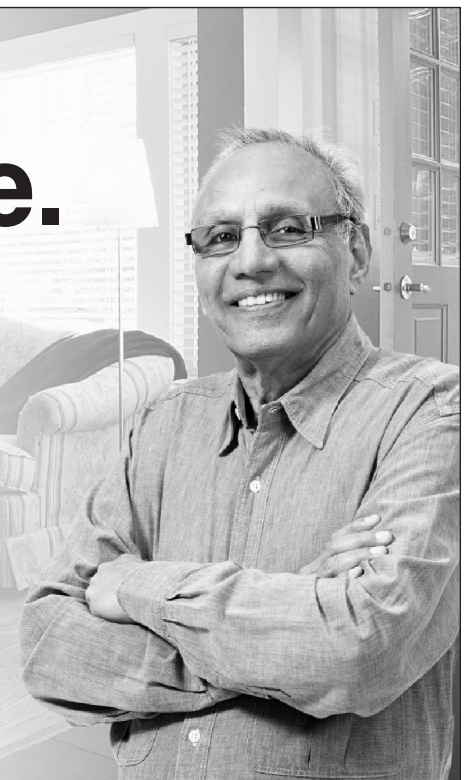
issues with Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and Tarion, a corporation that licenses home builders and vendors.

Along with Reid were seven other municipal politicians, a total of two from each of the county's townships.

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# Minden's curling future is now

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

A rink from Minden has advanced to the Ontario Curling Association's regional mixed Bantam playdowns.

The team of Cody Williams, skip, Alyssa Denyer, vice, Tori Hawley, second, and Zack Williams, lead, earned its regional berth by winning the B championship at the zone playdowns in Peterborough this past weekend.

Williams is excited and believes in his team to represent the Minden Curling Club well.

"I could not ask for a better team. We all get along very well, and with the help of our great coach, we put everything together and played as a team," he wrote in a text message. "This is definitely a high in my curling experiences, and we are looking forward to participating in this event."

They are coached by John Childs and were one of two entries from the Minden club.

Denyer, who recently represented the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls team at the Gore Provincial Championships in Haliburton, has only played for two years, and is humble in her success.

"It feels great just to be able to curl so much and have so many great teams to play with. Winning is just a big bonus," she wrote in a

text message. The Minden club member is on three competitive teams this season.

While the Williams rink fell to Omemee in their first game, they beat Fenelon Falls in their second game.

In the B championships on Sunday, they faced off against Omemee again.

A double-knockout tournament, teams had to lose two games to be eliminated.

The rink managed an 8-5 victory over Omemee to become the B division champs.

They will continue competition at the OCA regional playdowns, which take place in Minden the weekend of March 9.

Williams acknowledged the playdowns venue as a motivator in the zone competition.

"I think that our team was very motivated by the fact that Minden is hosting regionals because we wanted to be able to represent our club in this event. We are all very excited to have the opportunity to participate in the OCA Bantam Mixed Regional Playdowns at the Minden Curling Club," he wrote.

- with files from Chad Ingram

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Darren Lum Staff

The mixed bantam team of Cody Williams, skip, Tori Hawley second, Zack Williams, lead, John Childs, coach, and Alyssa Denyer, vice, has earned the berth to the regionals with a B championship. The Minden Curling Club where all the curlers practice and play will host the regionals next month.



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The District 11 Haliburton County plus-65 hockey team is set to compete at the Ontario 55 plus Winter Games in Huntsville on Feb. 27 and 28. Front, left, Neil Cutler, Ron Earle, Glen Smith, Jack Raymond, Norris Turner and Grant Clayton, at front goalie Bill James. Back, left, Dave Baker, Jim Hinkson, Ron May, Barry Smith, George Moore, Blair Johnston, Dave Nicholishen and Frank Powers. The county has sent a team every year of eligibility. The plus-65 category was introduced in 2011. The winter games are held every two years. Absent for the photo are goalie Brian Sachs and Chuck Sneath.



The District 11 Haliburton County 55 plus hockey team is set to compete at the Ontario 55 plus Winter Games in Huntsville on Feb. 27 and 28. Front row, left, Jim Winn, Tim Curry, Ron Strype, Ian Wilson, Eric Lucas, Wayne Combs. Back row, left, Greg Ross, Ray Luck, Lawrence Loughheed, Jurrien Hoekstra, Bob Woodcock, Steve Roberts, Bev Hicks and Dan Ambridge. The county has sent a team every winter games (every two years) since 2005. They are guaranteed three games and with playoffs can play five games in 36 hours. Absent from the photo is Larry Kent.

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# Skater's family protests over missed competition

Jenn Watt  
Editor

It was to be her last individual ice-skating competition.

Minden's Casey Pringle, 17, travelled to Whitby with her family and friends planning to compete at the Eastern Ontario STAR-Skate Invitational Championship Feb. 15, but a miscommunication led to a series of events, eventually resulting in her missing her turn on the ice.

Her family is so upset by what happened they are demanding their entry fee back and want an apology from Skate Canada Eastern Ontario, the organization that runs the competition.

"[Casey] worked very hard to 'nail' her solo and jumps to perfection and due to several mistakes and flaws in the organization ... was denied the opportunity to skate," a letter from Casey's mother Wendy Pringle to Skate Canada reads.

"At the very least we are asking for a full refund of her entrance fee and the admission fees of the 12 people who came and paid to see her skate," the letter says.

Pringle has graced the pages of the newspapers before, competing on behalf of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in previous years, capturing top honours at different competitions.

She's been skating since she was eight and this year decided to hang up her skates ahead of college.

The Whitby competition included a two-and-a-half minute routine with six jumps and three spins, which Casey worked on for hours each week. On Feb. 15, she didn't make it out on the ice at the right time, forfeiting her chance to compete, though her family believes a series of errors unfairly led her to miss the opportunity.

"The [championship] program stated and we were also verbally told that Flight 2 was after a flood [of the ice] and to begin at 5:20 p.m.," Wendy said.

Despite the printed program, Casey's flight actually started early and by the time the family and her coach figured it out, her turn had passed.

Desperately trying to get into the competition, they asked the referee if he would let Casey skate last in the queue, but he said it was against the rules and refused.

"[I felt] complete shock pretty much, because usually at every competition they will run around everywhere and find the missing skater," Casey said of the ref's decision.



Darren Lum Staff

Figure skater Casey Pringle wants an apology and a refund from Skate Canada Eastern Ontario after miscommunication disallowed her from the Eastern Ontario STAR-Skate Invitational Championship in Whitby on Feb. 15. It was her last individual skating competition. She has skated since she was eight.

According to the Pringles, even though they were at the same ice pad as Casey's competitors, no one seemed to be searching for the missing skater.

Casey says she's seen skaters change places in the line-up to compete if someone comes in late.

She doesn't understand why this courtesy wasn't extended to her, especially since the program change wasn't announced.

A representative of Skate Canada Eastern Ontario said she had sympathy for Casey's situation, but the rules could not be bent for the skater.

Championship chairwoman Jan Armitage said she was unprepared to comment on "alleged occurrences where skaters may have been permitted to skate after the event." She said Skate Canada was unaware of such circumstances.

Casey's coach Jane Symons was left perplexed by the referee's decision.

"I've been coaching for 32 years and I've

never seen such a situation where they have not allowed a skater to skate as long as the event is not closed," Symons wrote in an email to the paper.

"Casey only wanted to skate. We missed the warm up but Casey said, 'I can do it - I don't need a warm up,' and really had Casey had a good skate she should have made it on to the finals," Symons said.

Armitage said referees must follow prescribed rules and have no leeway to change them for individual skaters in situations like Casey's.

She said efforts were made to find Casey, and "at no time from the time of warm up nor during [the] skater's performance preceding Miss Pringle's skate order nor until the end of the prescribed one-minute allotment was any notification provided to the referee nor other appropriate parties of Ms. Pringle's preparedness to skate in the prescribed order."

Symons acknowledged that mistakes were

made on all sides, but reiterated that the invitational competition should have been about fostering a love for the sport, not excluding skaters.

"We encourage kids to stay involved - stay active - then this happens and takes the wind out of your sail," she said.

Wendy says she wants an apology and the \$90 entry fee back along with the \$6 admission fee for 12 family members and friends.

Skate Canada is not planning to refund anything.

The family could have formally complained, Armitage said, but did not.

"Protest must be filed in writing within one hour of the event's completion," she said.

The chairwoman saw no reason to apologize or refund money to the Pringles.

"While we feel empathy for Ms. Pringle, Skate Canada Eastern Ontario followed the rules and procedures put in place to ensure a level playing field for all registered competitors," Armitage said.



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# Minden curlers shine in provincial event

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Maybe it's too early to throw words like legend around, but Red Hawks' alumnus Jake Walker is putting down the groundwork for a legitimate claim on the title.

Walker with fellow alumnus and Mindenite Ed Cyr and the rest of the Waterloo University Warriors curling team repeated as the Ontario University Association champs beating Trent University Excalibur 7-4 at the Guelph Curling Club on Feb. 18.

Walker, who led his team with an 80 per cent throwing efficiency, downplays the five points scored in the fifth end during the gold medal game against Trent University Excalibur.

Walker was proud of his team and said this end came down to just a few missed shots.

"We basically had one end where we were making everything. All it takes is for the other team to miss one or two shots for things to take a turn for the worse for one team and take a turn for the best for the other and that's just how it happened for us," he said. "The best thing to do in any situation is when they miss make them pay for it and we made them pay for it."

The win ensures the Warriors a berth to compete at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport/Canadian Curling Association (CIS/CCA) University Curling Championships in Kamloops, British Columbia at Thompson Rivers University from March 20 to 24. Trent University and Carleton University will join the Warriors, as the OUA has three berths eligible for nationals.

The last Warriors' skip to repeat as an OUA championship titleholder was Glenn Howard, who is a curler of legendary proportions with a few world championships and Brier final appearances. Howard captured his OUA titles between 1983 and 1985.

"That's a long time ago. It feels good to

repeat for sure," Walker said. "Defending our title is almost better than winning it in the first place. Hopefully we can do it next year and three-peat like Glen Howard did."

Cyr has added confidence going into the nationals this year because of the repeat.

"Last year, winning it the first time was exciting because it was new. This time winning it to defend it makes us feel like we deserved it last year," he said.

Cyr's experience as a Warriors' swim team member made the win even richer, as his swim teammates were in the stands for support. He's been on this team for three years.

Walker shares Cyr's confidence this second go-around. He still remembers the Alberta Golden Bears in the national final and what could have been if not for an off game.

"We know what to expect. We know what the teams are going to be like. The team that beat us last year is going to be there again so they'll be a rival for us for sure. We just need to make sure we put it together when we play them," he said. "The last time we played them we went in with the highest percentage [of any] team there and just happened to have a very, very bad game when we played them, which was really unfortunate, unlucky on our part, so hopefully we can turn that around and not have that happen again."

Waterloo, who finished with five wins and two losses, lost the national final 7-1 to the Golden Bears.

Walker and Cyr's former high school coach Tom Dibblee, who has kept in regular contact with the pair through Facebook since leaving, saw the pair play the provincials on the Internet and was impressed by the OUA repeat.

Cyr said, "It's really nice to know he is still watching for us."

Dibblee, who heard from the pair after the semi-finals when they were assured of a national berth, wanted to be there to watch, but was billeting the Perth and District Col-



The Waterloo University Warriors head coach Scott Allen, skip, Jake Walker, third, Edward Cyr, second, Jordan Moreau, lead, James Freeman and alternate Nathan Ransom smile with the OUA Championship Banner after beating Trent University Excalibur 7-4. Walker's rink repeated as OUA champs. /Photo courtesy of Waterloo University and Matt Tonkin

legiate Institute girls' curling team for the Gore Provincial Championships hosted in Haliburton a week ago.

"What an exciting time for curling in Haliburton County! I am so proud that these two boys are still curling together as skip and vice on the University of Waterloo Varsity Curling team," he wrote in an email. "From Timbits at the Minden Curling Club to red hot Red Hawk curlers at the Haliburton Curling Club, they have always complemented each other beautifully. It is great to see them excel academically and athletically and continue to be a competitive force in curling."

The two earned a pair of all-provincial berths with two gold medals at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics cham-

pionships in 2005 and 2007 as Red Hawks.

The winner of nationals will go as team Canada to play at the 2014 Karuizawa Invitational in Karuizawa, Japan in January.

The importance of winning at the nationals isn't lost on Walker, who was a Canadian junior champion and bronze medalist at the world juniors in Flims, Switzerland in 2010.

"I've done it before so I know what it feels like and it feels amazing. It's an honour and I really want to have that privilege again. It would be a true honour to represent Canada again," Walker said.

**Note:** The OUA first team all-stars included three Warriors: Walker as skip, Cyr as third (vice) and Moreau as second.

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## Highlands Trio back by popular demand

The Minden Legion, Branch 636 of the Royal Canadian Legion, is open seven days a week with something going on every day.

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Our Saturday cribbage has had a slow start but we are getting people coming on a regular basis now.

The Ladies Auxiliary bid euchre is taking place on Sunday, March 3 and starts at 12 p.m.

Our club room is also open that day for those who wish to watch sports on the big screen televisions. Now that NFL football is over, we are watching hockey, baseball, curling or whatever the group wishes to watch.

The Minden Legion is holding a branch general meeting on Wednesday, March 6 and it starts at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to save this date in their calendars and to attend this meeting.

The LA general meeting takes place on Wednesday, March 13 and starts at 7 p.m. All LA members are

encouraged to attend.

Back by popular demand, the Highlands Trio will be entertaining at the Minden Legion on Saturday, March 9 from 1 to 5 p.m.

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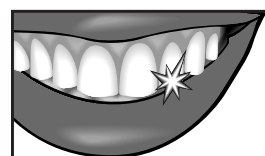
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# Highland Storm end year with a heartbreaker

And so it ends. As Smolen Dentistry's Peewee A team skated off with heads bowed low through the din of the Ennismore Eagles' celebration, so ends another year for the Highland Storm. And it was a heartbreaker.

After playing like ghosts the night before in a 4-0 loss that allowed Ennismore to tie the series at two games apiece, the do-or-die game five in Minden had all the makings of an absolute classic. Both teams came out flying but misfortune struck early as one of our star players was forced to leave the game within the first few minutes. Although Ennismore scored on the ensuing five minute power play, our boys responded to the adversity and put forth one of their strongest efforts of the year. Chances were traded at both ends, and our squad fought hard, having to kill off several penalties as Parker Smolen stood tall in net, once again.

In the second period, birthday-boy, Shawn Walker's shot from the point found the back of the net to tie it. Then in the third, the crowd erupted as Kyle Cooper curled to the outside and ripped a beauty, top shelf to take the lead. But with five minutes left, Ennismore rallied once again to tie it on the power play and take us into overtime.

And what a dramatic finish; at one end, it looked like we had it. As Ennismore scrambled in front of their net, our boys came ever-so-close to potting the winner, but it was not to be.

The same play moments later in front of our net brought a different result and Ennismore skated away victorious. It was a valiant effort but on this day it was

not meant to be.

And just like that, it's over. And so too, the end of some many little treasures that accumulate over a season: the long car rides through unexpected snow storms, the anxiety of parents when their child makes a mistake and the explosion of pride when they make a great play. The knowing glances from weary parents at late-night practices, the co-ordination of carpooling and sleep-overs following the game, the endless supply of quarters given to younger siblings in order to sugar-coat the negotiation of their presence, the high fives after a great play and the silent rides home after a tough loss. The hotels, mini-stick tournaments and late-night pool parties.

The texts back and forth to spouses in other towns in order to keep tabs on games several hours in the other direction, the endless discussions spent strategizing on how our team can play better and the tireless effort from our phenomenal coaching staff: Barry Boice, Kirk Cooper, Jim O'Neill, Ashley Walker and Tom Prentice.

The warm and unexpected support from friends, grandparents, uncles and aunts that come out to cheer our children throughout the year, the meeting and gradual relationships that develop after spending so many hours together at the arena, the badgering of officials who have THE most difficult and thankless job in Canada, the poutine and failed attempts at trying to eat healthy, the parents you meet from other towns that end up being just like you but from another perspective, the anxious moments before game time, the fretting over injuries and the encouraging words from other parents

to your children.

The hopes and dreams dashed at one end as the other celebrates to fight another day. Small-town hockey is great, isn't it? See you all again next year as we do it all again!

*Submitted by Jon Petrie*

## Novices end game against Ennismore with draw

On Saturday Feb. 16 the Highland Storm Novices hosted the Ennismore Eagles in Minden. The Storm come out strong. The first period was winding down with only two minutes left on the clock when Nick Phippen scored assisted by Zander Upton. The second period started with the Storm pumped and ready to go. Halfway through the period Ennismore scored. The Storm answered back with a first time goal for Evan Gilbert, assisted by Hunter Winder. The third period was a hard-fought battle. Unfortunately Ennismore finds the back of the net with just a minute to go to tie the game at 2-2. *Submitted by Trish Phippen*

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Free tutoring for school aged children in reading and math as well as French is available Thursday evenings at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library, located in the Dorset Recreation Centre. Please call Susan at 705-766-1973 to discuss your child's needs and arrange a time.

Russ Chester is looking for a student to help with some snow shoveling. If you are a student looking to earn a few dollars, give Russ a call at 705-766-9918.

The Dorset Book Club will be meeting at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesday, March 6 at 1 p.m. The group will be talking about Frances Itani's book *Requiem*. All are welcome. For more information, call Ruth or Sandy at 705-766-9969.

The next Dorset Ladies Night is on Tuesday, March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. and the theme is St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to wear the green! All ladies are welcome and the cost is \$5. Please call the rec centre at 705-766-9968 for more information or to sign up.

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Well you asked for it and here it is! A six week session of belly dancing classes will be taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. from March 18 to April 29 (no class April 1). The cost is \$20 drop in or \$100 for the six weeks. A minimum is required to ensure the class runs so please register by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

Belly dance is an ancient dance of healing and empowerment created by women for women. It is a dance done with yourself as your own dance partner, making deep connections with specific muscle groups by focusing inward giving a heightened sense of self and meditative benefits begin to emerge facilitating personal growth.

Health benefits of belly dance include increases bone density as it is a weight bearing exercise, improves posture, it is a total body work out, it is a cardio workout, improves balance and confidence, decreases stress and PMS, strengthens pelvic floor muscles improving both vaginal, urinary and bowel functions, brain gym assisting in recovery from brain injuries and stroke and best of all, it is fun!

No experience is necessary. Hip scarves will be available for use and for sale. Wear clothing that you feel comfortable in and come prepared to have a good time!

The class will be taught by Effie Barry. Visit Effie's website [www.thelotuscenter.ca](http://www.thelotuscenter.ca) for more information about Effie and belly dancing. Don't forget, if you are interested, please call the rec centre to register!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

## Notices



### NOTICE

#### ADOPTION OF 2013 BUDGET

**NOTICE** is hereby provided that Council proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2013 Municipal Budget at its Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

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## Coming Events

# community calendar

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**To aid in compiling 'A History of South Lake':** we seek any information concerning the early days of school SS No. 11, Minden and Snowdon, commonly called Bat Lake School. The location of historical registers, records concerning the building of the school, old pictures or any historical data whatever would be appreciated. Contact George. E-mail is [granitecarver@gmail.com](mailto:granitecarver@gmail.com)

**March 1:** World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together on the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer. The theme "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me*" was written by the women of France. Hosted by Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden at 2pm. All are welcome to attend. Bring family and friends.

**March 3:** The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Branch 636 is holding Bid euchre and it starts at 12:00. Our club room is also open that day for those who wish to watch sports on the big screen televisions. Now that NFL football is over, we are watching hockey, baseball, curling or whatever the group wishes to watch. All are welcome!

**March 5: The Grief Journey:** A free bereavement support group. **For 13 Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30.** Located at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre Board Room 7217 Gelert Road. For further information call Sue Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.

**March 5:** Minden and District Horticultural Society monthly meeting beginning at 1p.m located at the Minden Community Centre. Enjoy a lively speaker, special treats and learn more about gardening in Haliburton County. For more information call Laura at 705 489 1614

**March 6:** The Minden Legion is holding a Branch general meeting and it starts at 7:30. All members are encouraged to save this date in their calendars and to attend this meeting.

**Saturday, March 9:** Back by popular demand, the Highlands Trio will be entertaining at the Minden Legion from 1 to 5. Food will be available for purchase from 12 to 2. All are welcome!

**March 10:** Country Music Jamboree hosted by Country Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders, Open Mic and old fashioned square dancing beginning at 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Located at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. Admission \$7.00. 5 pm- Hearty Homemade Soup/Rolls/Dessert- \$6.00. Food provided by MINDEN LIONESS, proceeds to Minden Food Bank

**March 13:** The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Branch 636 is holding their general meeting and it starts at 7:00 pm. All LA members are encouraged to attend.





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# Guild offers crafts for kids during March break



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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Bruce has become smitten with the HGTV channel to the extent that those construction/destruction gurus Scott, Bryan and Mike are like extended family members.

Then there is the House Hunters series where the viewer travels with families looking for a house and shares in their final decision making.

To me some of these couples are totally unrealistic in their expectations.

Recently one pair of newlyweds were particularly annoying.

Now living with her parents in a home complete with a swimming pool, the bride found fault at each home shown by the hapless realtor with minor details such as paint colour, unmatched faucets and fixtures and kitchens not suitable enough to take photos of her custom cupcakes for her weekly baking blog.

Now here at the old farmhouse we shudder to think of such a walkabout. For us, closet space is simply not an issue, because there aren't any.

Apparently the basic Ontario story and a half was designed to mislead the tax collector who might record closets as actual rooms.

No en suite off our master bedroom but in one corner a large floor room does come in handy for draping clothes not yet ready to launder.

The kitchen could offer an authentic rustic country background behind those tasty cupcakes but only if they survived yellow lab Taffy long enough to be immortalized on camera.

The annual general meeting of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild for the year 2012 will be held this Sunday, March 3 at the Kinmount Community Centre from 2 to 4 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Downstairs the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, the primary project of the guild, is open on its winter schedule welcoming visitors on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Once again the guild will host a free craft morning for the kids during March Break on Thursday, March 14 in the community centre from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Activities are geared to ages five to 12 years and all materials are supplied with a reminder that easy-to-wash clothes are the order of the day and slippers should

be worn as winter boots are to remain in the cloakroom.

Pre-registration by calling 705-488-2938 would be appreciated for planning purposes.

In last week's column the date for the World Day of Prayer was in error and that special service will be this Friday, March 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kinmount United Church, 15 Cluxton Street. Congregations from the collective Kinmount churches will celebrate together with a universal program prepared by the women of the featured country France. Everyone is most welcome to attend this annual event.

There are still some tickets available for the *Kinmount Gazette* and Victoria Pony Club annual dinner and loonie auction this Saturday, March 2 at the Galway Hall.

This is the fifth year for this fun-filled fundraiser event that assists both groups to continue operating.

Tickets are only \$15/person and to order yours give a call to Austin Lumber at 705-488-2961 or check with any group member.

Please note that the Galway Hall is fully accessible.

Newly arrived at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace are items sporting the

unique Kinmount tartan.

Tams, caps, scarves and neckties made at the same Scottish mill where the tartan is woven are on sale with all proceeds going to the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development to help support its many community endeavours.

Items can also be ordered by calling Diane directly at 705-488-2635.

We bought our grown up granddaughter Emma a "tammie" for Christmas and it was great fun to watch her tuck all those beautiful long blonde curls under its ample puff.

Reports back indicate that the Winterfest 2013 was a great success with good weather and super community participation. (See photos on page 3.)

It was difficult for me, however, being on duty downstairs at the Artisans Marketplace with the delicious odour of sausages cooking at the pancake breakfast up in the community centre wafting down the stairwell.

In the dining room the apple blossom amaryllis is out in full bloom with three huge heads.

It is hard to believe such beauty can burst forth from that wrinkled, unassuming bulb.

Until next week ....

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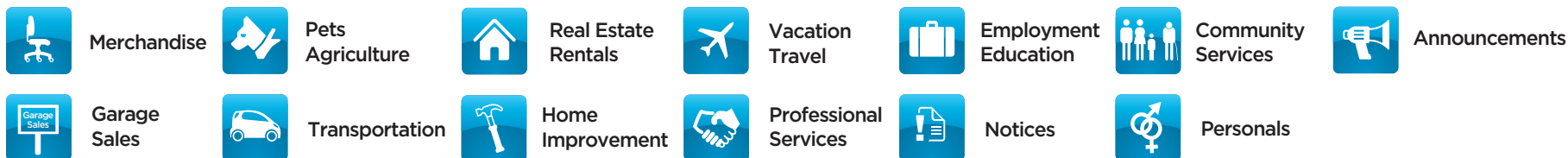
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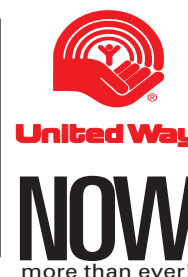
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# County card scores

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February 19 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that Diane Platt and Jean Randell led at 413 with Connie Sawyer and Merv Elstone second at 304. In third spot at 283 was Dorene Elstone partnered with John Platt while Pam Pappas and Jason Peacock had the afternoon's low of 213.

February 19 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Bev Johnson 249, Phyllis Windsor 217, Carolyn Brown 196 and Gail Medcalf 184. The gents tied for first place at 244 were Yvette Ezard and Bruce Medcalf, then Karen Chapman 228. The major draw went to Bev Johnson while Paul Lima, Carolyn Brown and Karen Chapman won the smaller prizes. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update.

February 19 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top three players were Jan Heaven 4,820, Gail Flook 3,850 and Susan Reed 3,420. Nancy Ballantyne also reports that on February 12th there was a Small Slam by Billy Shuley and Macey which did not appear in last week's list.

February 19 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter advises that this event was cancelled due to weather conditions.

February 19 contract bridge at Club 35: There was no bridge due to the storm.

February 20 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Diana Spicer and our reporter Muriel McIntosh at 60 per cent then Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane 56 per cent. Over in East/West top marks went to Kathie Porter and Rob Eaton at 61 per cent and Irena and Alek Zworski 55 per cent.

February 21 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pearl Cowen 260, Betty Wagar 232, Marcy Morgan 229 and at 209 Sharron Atkinson. At 284 our reporter Bev Johnson was first for the gents then Albert Foster 229. There was a close tie for third at 228 between John Deak and Doug McIntosh followed closely again by Archie Ross 227. Sharron Atkinson won the major draw with Betty Wagar, John Deak and Tom Grix claiming the smaller prizes while moonshots went to Theresa Deak, Bev Johnson, Tom Grix, Archie Ross and Marcy Morgan.

February 21 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Tom Grix with our reporter May Bradbury and Murray Daniels posting the high scores. Betty Wagar and John Deak claimed the lows while John Priestly, Tom Grix and Bob Pollard along with Theresa and John Deak took home the evening's other prizes.

February 22 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Albert Foster for low hands and Murray Daniels for the special prize.

February 22 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell in first place were Ross Davies and Muriel McIntosh 64 per cent followed by Diana Spicer and Joan Davies 60 per cent, Helen Baker and Kathie Porter 51 percent and a tie at 50 per cent between Ev Morgan and Joan Galley and Peter O'Connor partnered with Rob Eaton.

February 22 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka reports that Dorene Elstone led the pinks at 238 followed by Penny Elliott 224 and Linda Voycey 221. Tops for the whites at 265 was Pat Marshall then Linda Lambert

and Marg Oetelaar tied at 230 and Merv Elstone 211 .Al McMullen won the special prize while Linda Lambert claimed the only two moonshots.

February 23 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 259, Eileen Shepstone 250, Belle Walker 241 and Pearl Cowen 210. First for the gents at 281 was Marcel Roussel followed by Janice Davidson 280, Karin Harrison 262 and Dwaine Lloyd 253. Phyllis Windsor won the draw with Belle Walker and Marcel Roussel [2] claiming the moonshots. Thanks to Sherin Brown for her report.

February 24 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Arthur Forbes, for lone hands Sherin Brown, for low hands Nick Boekestyn and for the special prize Bev Johnson.

February 25 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were our reporter Barbara Braithwaite and Shirley Jones with Mabel Deacon and Lorna Hicks posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Joyce Ritchie and Margaret Fletcher while Yvonne Arbuthnot won the special prize.

February 25 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Albert Foster, for lone hands Pearl Cowen, for low hands Murray Daniels and for the special prize Nick Boekestyn. Thanks to Doreen French for this news.

February 25 euchre at Club 35: Lone hands Linda Voycey, high lady Margaret Oetelaar, high man is Al McMullen, low lady is Carol McMullen, low man is Merv Elstone and the baloney was Linda Voycey. Dorene Elstone reports.

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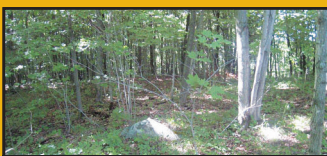
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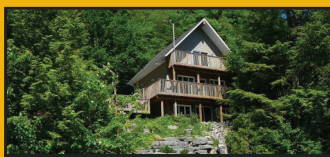
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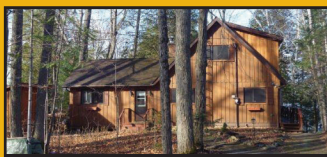
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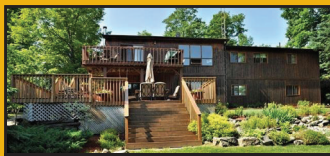
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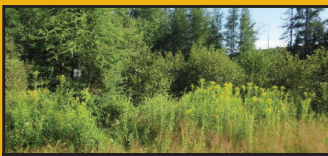
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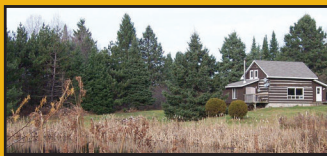
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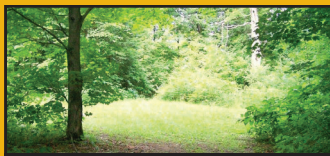
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